

Advance Plans Committee

Summary of Meeting

7:35 a.m., September 25, 2014

Attendance

AP Committee Members: David Dennis, Don Klausmeyer, Debra Miller Stevens

MAPD staff: Dave Barber, John Schlegel, Scott Wadle

Other City staff: Brian Coon, Zach Edwardson, Paul Gunzelman

PEC Consulting: Mitch Coffman, Scott Dunakey

Others: Four interested members of the public

Discussion Summary

1. Scott Wadle, Senior Planner, provided an update on the draft Wichita Pedestrian Master Plan. Wadle indicated that the Plan provides design guidance and policy/program recommendations primarily for city staff. Focus is on best practices, flexibility and efficiencies. Committee members raised concern about the cost implications of the Plan's design guidance and policy recommendations. Wadle responded that much of the Plan can be implemented using existing available staff and fiscal resources allocated for pedestrian-related improvements. There is no additional cost burden associated with City Council endorsement of the Plan. In most cases, the end result is doing things better with minimal or no increased costs. No changes are recommended to the Subdivision Regulations or the City's Sidewalk Ordinance.

The Plan will not be adopted as an element of the Wichita-Sedgwick County Comprehensive Plan since it is a technical design guide oriented for city staff use. However, the City's Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Board will be the main non-staff champion for ongoing plan implementation and review initiatives.

The Advance Plans Committee unanimously passed a motion to forward the Draft Wichita Pedestrian Master Plan to the MAPC for review. Wadle indicated that the Plan will likely be submitted to the Wichita City Council in early November for their endorsement.

2. Scott Wadle provided an overview of the draft Multi-Modal Policy and Street Design Guidelines. This Plan provides the broad policy context for consolidating current street design guidelines and policies. There are essentially three components to the Plan:
 - Multi-modal accommodation policies
 - Street design guidelines including new designs to accommodate transit and bicycle facilities the City currently doesn't have
 - Recommendations on how to best implement the Plan

None of the design recommendations add any additional requirements for developers. This Plan represents a significant consolidation of a lot of existing design guidelines plus some new design guidance into one easily-referenced document.

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3. Meeting adjourned at 8:34 a.m.